

Christ, and the church of which he has charge will not be a center of evangelistic, soul-winning power.

It is of the first importance that the pastor shall be thoroughly missionary in spirit, both for the sake of the church of which he is the minister and for the cause of Missions, in both the home and the foreign field. He must also be abreast of the times with missionary information. His zeal must be according to knowledge. He will find it necessary to read missionary literature, and keep himself posted in regard to the movements of the church in all parts of the world, so that he may be able to give to his people the facts they need to quicken their zeal and enlarge their liberality.

The pastor's relation to the cause of Missions from a financial point of view is vital. He must keep the fountain of benevolence open by keeping his people informed, and by inspiring them with genuine missionary zeal. He should see to it that his people are supplied with the best missionary periodicals and tracts, as only by so doing can he keep their interest alive. He should frequently remember the cause of Missions and the missionaries when he leads his congregation in public prayer. An earnest prayer for Missions will sometimes accomplish quite as much good as a formal sermon.

It is of the utmost importance that a missionary prayer-meeting shall be held once a month at least, in each congregation, and that the Sunday-school and Epworth league also shall hold monthly missionary services. No pastor is faithfully filling the great office to which he is called unless he prays earnestly for, preaches frequently on, and keeps his people well informed in regard to the great missionary enterprise. Wherever the pastor is all aglow with intelligent zeal for the speedy salvation of the world, the people never fail to catch his spirit, and the results are seen in the aggressive spirit of the church for the salvation of the lost at home, and in enlarged and ever enlarging contributions for the sending of the gospel to earth's remotest bounds.

Church News

Mulvane, Kansas

Time has called for a report from this part of the field. We began a series of meetings with the South Haven class on April 18. We enjoyed the presence and the able discourses of our esteemed brother, A. J. Hixson, our district evangelist. He was with us from start to close of the meeting, and very ably presented the truth of the gospel as he always does. He has been a father to me in the gospel, so we appreciated his labor very much. The result of the meeting was good altho no accessions by baptism; four received by relation. There was good seed scattered and we hope some fell on good ground that it may yield the good grain in time for the Lord's harvest. At the close of the meeting we elected and installed a broth-

er to the office of deacon and held an enjoyable love feast together with seventeen communicants. May our feasting together at the Lord's table inspire our lives to a more active and consecrated work in his vineyard and may our souls feast upon the richness of his Word is my prayer.

L. G. WOOD.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio

At our regular quarterly business meeting, May 20, we decided that this church should be represented at our State Conference, by our pastor, Brother White. We also agreed to pay his necessary expenses, as all congregations should do for their delegates. We also decided to hold our harvest meeting in August and authorized Brother White to choose his own ministerial assistance; thus you see we have implicit confidence in our pastor, and well we may, for he is now one of the respected citizens of Pleasant Hill, and faithfully performs his duty to his church, preaching the Word plainly and fearlessly, and exemplifying a godly life. Some of the evidence of his work is a more harmonious brotherhood in our church, and a much improved Sunday school. We feel that his moving in our midst will be a decided success for the church.

J. A. BEITMAN.

Buckeye City, Ohio

We do not report as often perhaps as we should but we have no regular correspondent at this place, and when the pastor writes it often looks so much like trying "to blow his horn." I believe that this thought often keeps many of our best workers from reporting. This should not be the case, but sometimes I am afraid it is.

We had a very pleasant love feast last night, May 24. About eighty communed—and all members of the Buckeye City church with the exception of two. Brother Isaac Grubb and son from Johnstown, Ohio, were with us and enjoyed the feast. Brother Grubb and his family are much interested in the Lord's cause, and we are always glad to have such helpers with us.

Sunday morning and evening were our regular appointments at this place so we continued the meeting Monday and Tuesday nights, and five came forth to be baptized. On Wednesday we baptized ten persons, one lady about 60 years of age, five young ladies and four young men. Five of these had come out at our revival last winter, and for reasons not necessary to mention here, were not baptized till now.

The Buckeye City church has certainly many reasons to be grateful. More than fifty members have been added in a little more than one year. This suggests the thought announced by our good Brother Livengood as to how to reach young men. We baptized eleven young men at one time last winter, and four more on Wednesday. Eight of them came out on the Lord's side at one service. Some of them might be called boys, for their ages varied I suppose from

twelve to thirty five years, most of them however from sixteen to twenty.

But how they were reached I shall not try to explain. Perhaps they could but I shall not try. A little more than one year ago I held a meeting here and eight men joined from thirty-five to seventy years of age. The next meeting the young men came. Why the young men should come at one meeting and the older men at another I do not know if not thru the power of influence. The power of influence however must not be overlooked. My experience has been that young men are no harder to reach than any other class of sinners, but perhaps I have not had enough experience.

J. L. KIMMEL.

Buckeye City, O.

Gleanings from the Wayside

We have been somewhat on the wing during the last week and gleaning in the Master's field. Over last Sunday we were with the Brethren at Darwin, one of our regular appointments. Good attendance at service, and Sunday school prospering under the leadership of brother Frank Zook. From there we went on Monday to Lapaz, Ind., where we will take charge on the fourth Sunday of June. On Monday night two were willing to choose the better way and start on the journey to the celestial city. Had services on Tuesday morning, then repaired to the shore of a beautiful lake where they were buried in holy Christian baptism. The prospects are good in this part of the vineyard. May the Lord help and bless the work. On Wednesday night we preached at North Liberty; on Thursday night at Teagarden. This Friday morning are homeward bound. Can only remain over night, then on the wayside again to College Corner over Sunday. So the work moves on. So many places where they want preaching. May the Lord send more laborers into the field for the Macedonian cry comes from so many points, "Come over and help us." Why be so enthusiastic over foreign missions when we cannot near supply the demand at home?

If you can not cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door.

Father of mercies, bless our work for Jesus' sake.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Middlebranch and Fairview Churches

It has been some time since I have had any thing to say thru your columns, but will try and let the readers of your precious columns know that altho silent I have not abandoned my motto, at work. Having been called one year ago to take charge of the church at Middle Branch, Stark county, O., and in August to take charge of the Fairview church in Fayette county, O. It has been keeping me quite busy as I preach for them every two weeks at each place. I held a ser-